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Conference Workshop Proposals

KHS is currently accepting proposals for presentations and workshops for the 2011 KJHS Conference on April 29. KHS is seeking to highlight projects and accomplishments that KJHS clubs have completed over the past year, or projects that they are planning to do in the upcoming year. If you are interested in making a proposal for one of these slots, please have your sponsor contact Tim Talbott at tim.talbott@ky.gov for an application.

Regional Rally Review : KJHS Holds Four Regional Rallies in Fall 2010

This past fall KJHS held regional rallies in four of its eight districts, twice the number in 2009.

The first Fall Rally (District Eight) was held at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKCTC) in Cumberland on Oct. 20. After a short session that provided some suggestions on this year's Kentucky History Day theme, the group traveled to nearby Lynch, to visit Portal 31, a former coal mine that is now an underground museum exhibit. The tour included a ride on a rail car into the mine where students learned about the different eras of coal mining, from the "pick and shovel" method of the 1920s, to the "continuous miner" technology of the 1960s. The next stop was at the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum in Benham, which is housed in the former International Harvester Company commissary. Here the group viewed many different mining artifacts to better understand what life was like in a coal company town. For the final stop of the day the group returned to Cumberland and visited a artistic mosaic created by SKCTC students that is dedicated to the immigrants who came to the Kentucky mines for jobs.

The next rally (District Three) was held at the Frazier International History Museum in Louisville on Oct. 23. A highlight of this rally was a walking tour of the West Main Street area of downtown Louisville led by University of Louisville professor and historian Tom Owen. Owen provided some great insights into how dramatically Louisville has changed over the years. Another event of the day that proved to be a big hit was the sword fighting demonstration that was provided by the Frazier's costumed staff.

On Oct. 27, the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History hosted the District Six rally. To start the day, information was presented on Kentucky History Day. Then students were led in a pencil drawing exercise intended to help focus attention on details of artifacts in the museum's exhibits. Next, students experienced the KHS Museum Theatre production "Westward into Kentucky," and then participated in a hands-on activity about different perspectives of life on the Kentucky frontier. After lunch, the students watched "In the Veins," a live KHS Museum Theatre performance about life in a Kentucky coal mining town and then participated in an activity that had them role play and make decisions that miners faced in their work world.

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The District Four rally, which was the final rally of the fall, was hosted by the Kentucky Library and Museum at Western Kentucky University (WKU) in Bowling Green on Nov. 5. Andrew McMichael from WKU's history department started the day by sharing some thoughts on the importance of studying history. After a few words on Kentucky History Day, students split into three groups to tour the different facilities and exhibits of the museum. One stop on the tour was to the Felts Log House. In the house students learned about many aspects of life in early Kentucky, including cooking, clothing and children's toys. At another stop in the tour students learned about writing with pens and ink wells. The final stop on the tour was the museum's Civil War exhibit, "A Star in Each Flag: Conflict in Kentucky." Students were led through the exhibit by a museum educator and learned about Kentucky's unique place in Civil War history. At one stop some student volunteers were able to dress in period clothes and have their picture taken. After lunch, a session was held that gave students information on how to search the library and museum collections in effort to help them research their Kentucky History Day projects. In conjunction with this session, a visit was made to the library's special collections where students were able to view some of the unique items that are housed there for researchers of all ages.

Next year, KJHS will again offer an exciting and educational schedule of Fall Rallies. Stay tuned for more information.



Bring Your Homeschool Group to KHS Homeschool Day on March 23

During Homeschool Day, explore the KHS signature exhibition "A Kentucky Journey;" visit the Old State Capitol with a museum educator; watch live Museum Theatre performances; and participate in optional hands-on workshops. Email leslie.mcwhorter@ky.gov for more information.



Make Plans to Attend the 2011 KJHS Conference

This year's KJHS conference will be held at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30. Make plans for your club to attend this event, which will feature History Bowl competitions, conference sessions, a Kentucky history test, impromptu composition, Kentucky History Day competitions, Chapter Challenge, KJHS board elections and the awards ceremony. Information and sign-ups to be mailed soon.





KJHS Now on Facebook

Keep up to date on all of the happenings of KHJS and Kentucky History Day by following KJHS on Facebook. Add us to your "likes" by searching for KJHS on facebook.

If you have club information or photographs to share on Facebook, send via email to tim.talbott@ky.gov.



The Timeline would like to encourage KJHS members and clubs to submit articles to be included in future issues. If you or your club has done something to promote Kentucky history or visited a historic Kentucky site, we would like to know about it so we can share it with other KJHS members. Submitted articles should be 150-200 words and can be emailed to tim.talbott@ky.gov or mailed to KJHS, 100 W. Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601. Accompanying pictures are also appreciated.



Kentucky History Day District Competition Dates and Locations

District 1:

District 1 students will compete at the District 2 contest in 2011.

District 2:

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Saturday, March 26.

District 3:

Frazier International History Museum, Louisville, March 26.

District 4:

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Saturday, March 19.

District 5:

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Saturday, March 19.

District 6:

Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History, Frankfort, Saturday, March 19.

District 7:

Morehead State University, Morehead Saturday, March 5.

District 8:

Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Cumberland, Friday, March 25.

*Students will advance from districts to the state contest, held on April 30, 2011 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in Frankfort. For more information, email Tim Talbott at Tim.Talbott@ky.gov

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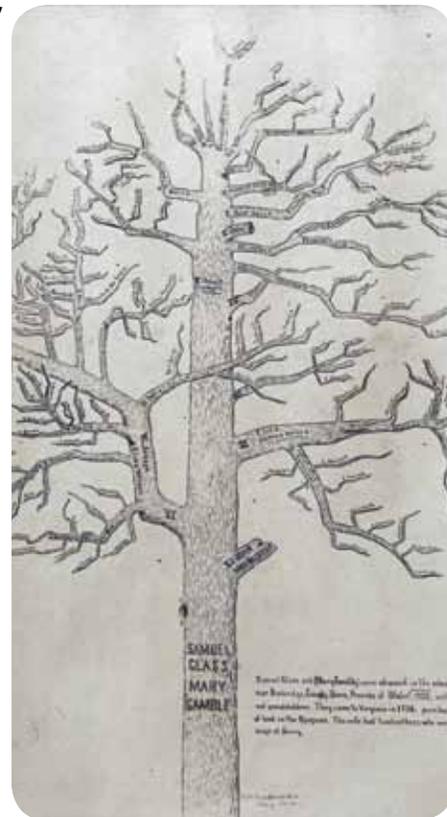
Discovering Your Roots and Branches: Getting Started on a Family Tree

The popularity of shows like NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and "African American Lives" on PBS, where professional genealogists help celebrities discover their family trees, has many people—including students—interested in finding their roots. Finding out about past relatives can be fun and provides a strong personal connection to history.

But almost instantly questions arise. Where do I start? Where do I go to get information?

Below are some tips that will hopefully encourage you to do some digging to find your roots:

1. Start with yourself. Write down your name, your birth date and where you were born. If you have brothers or sisters write their information down as well.
2. Next, go to your parents. Write down their names, and when and where they were born. When were they married? Where was the wedding? Did your parents have brothers or sisters (your aunts and uncles)? What are their names and when and where were they born? Do your aunts and uncles have children (your cousins)? What are their names and when and where were they born?
3. If you have grandparents who are still living, write down their names and ask them when and where they were born. Of course you will have two sets of grandparents (your mother's side and your father's side), so your tree really starts branching out at this point.
4. Do you have great-grandparents still living? If so, take down their information. If they have passed away, ask your parents or grandparents; they will most likely have that information. You will have four sets of great grandparents; four on your mother's side and four on your father's side. Now your tree is really growing.
5. Once you get past your great-grandparents, the information may become more difficult to find. If you made it this far, congratulations! But, if you want you can find out even more. You might even be able to find out if one of your ancestors fought in the Civil War, or even the Revolutionary War. You might find that your ancestors immigrated to America from a foreign country, or you might find you have Native American ancestors. You might even have ancestors from many different parts of the world.



As you move from generation to generation, keep asking questions and search for additional information. Did your grandfather serve in the military? What was your grandmother's job? Did they go to college? Where did they attend? Write down all of this information, because all of these additional details add to your family's story.

Seek out photographs of the people you are documenting and make copies. Photos are special in that they give people who read your genealogy findings a better understanding of the people you have discovered.

To find out even more information or go further back you can visit places like your local library, county courthouse, or local historical society. You might even be able to find out information by using the Internet and sources like Ancestry.com. The Kentucky Historical Society has wonderful genealogy resources such as family history books, family name files that other researchers have shared, and tons of census records.

Now that you have an idea about how to do your family research, get out there and find your past relatives and learn what their lives must have been like. For information in the KHS digital collections searchable database, visit www.kyhistory.com.

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